

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: September 24, 2007

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 18: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds (in augmentation of existing Proposition 50 funds) to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning, design services, and construction of the Tujunga Wash Stream Restoration project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds (in augmentation of existing Proposition 50 funds) to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in the amount of \$200,000 for project planning, design services, and construction of the Tujunga Wash Stream Restoration project.

Legislative Authority: The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority pursuant to Sections 33204(c), 33204.2, and 33204.27 of the Public Resources Code.

Background: On November 29, 2006 the Board authorized a \$100,000 grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for the Tujunga Wash Stream Restoration project. Construction of the original project is almost complete and the park is expected to open to the public in November 2007. The project lies within the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed and is a demonstration of an urban stream restoration project. The MRCA has requested an additional \$200,000 to design and construct additional improvements, including augmented tree planting and native plantings and picnic areas.